

OGDENITE SEES CITIES OF CHINA

Meets Tom Leo and Wong Jim, Former Proprietors of the Bon-Ton Restaurant, Also "Aunt Lizzie"—Little Graves Dot the Land—Hongkong and Shanghai Are Modern Cities—Canton Is Not Out of the Benighted Past—Chinese Trains and the Hot Towels That Are Offered Passengers—Chinese Guides Work the Stranger—Pidgin English as Spoken in Canton.

(By A. W. Hadley.)

After completing a visit to the Great Wall and the Ming tombs near Nankou, one usually returns to Peking to arrange for the journey southward to Shanghai. This can be done over three different routes. The least troublesome route is by sea, yet one has to repeat the long ride on the river from Taku to the steamer anchorage and moreover sees none of the vast expanse of country between Peking and the Yangtze river.

The other two routes are by rail. The best known is direct to Hankow by express train and then a 20-hour steamer trip down the river. The other is over the recently opened Tien Tsin-Pukow railway which follows the line of the Grand Canal a considerable part of the way and connects with the big ferry at Nanking. Either route is a tiresome journey of two or three days on the train, stops being made over night at certain stations where either hotels or side-tracked sleeping cars are available by the passengers.

Thickly Populated.
As the long steamer trip down from Hankow is a monotonous one at best, it is probably advisable to choose the new route to Pukow. This passes through a portion of China which is said to be the most thickly settled part of the world. Authorities have stated that the number of inhabitants per square mile in this section are equal to the conditions which would exist if the entire population of the United States were crowded within the boundaries of the state of Kansas.

It does not seem possible that this is true, as no evidence whatever of congested population is seen on the three days' trip. No large cities are passed, neither of the night stops of Tai Nan Fu and Hsu Chow Fu being places of great importance, and the only indication that there may be a heavy population is the scores of lit-

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sitting position, building over the coffin or above it a stone or brick mound. Frequently rough wooden coffins are seen exposed on the surface indicating that the deceased was poor and money was not available for purchasing a permanent resting place for the body.

Shanghai is a modern city in every respect, the European section presenting a most pleasing aspect with its broad streets as asphalt, modern street cars, fine hotels and big stone office and store buildings. The Chinese section is by far the most interesting and probably the finest to be found in the country. The streets are wide and clean and the scores of big brilliantly lighted shops, sometimes of three floors, are a revelation to the stranger. The exterior of some of these large native establishments equal anything to be found in Europe or America in the line of lavish display of electric lighting. They are a perfect blaze of brilliant color, lighting the street as if it were midday and attracting thousands to the bargains offered. Picture shows, theaters, tea houses seating two or three thousand patrons and other amusements of every description are to be enjoyed and the streets are usually packed from curb to curb with an eager, jostling, good-natured crowd in which rowdiness is entirely absent. Strange to note, this section seems little visited by tourists or native Europeans and one can pass an entire evening there without encountering a white man.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

Shanghai is at present the home of Dr. Sun Yat Sen who served as the first provisional president of the new republic and is recognized not only as the "brains of the revolution" but is unquestionably one of the most able progressives that China has ever produced.

He lives in a pretentious "brown stone front" in the French concession, owns two automobiles and is the busiest man in Shanghai. Incident to his prominence in political matters as well as the several gigantic schemes of a commercial nature which he is developing, he is continually in conference with callers at his home, three large drawing rooms being utilized for that purpose. Whenever he emerges from the house for a trip, he is closely guarded by a big municipal policeman in uniform as it is believed that plots against his life are constantly being planned by sympathizers with the old regime.

China's Future Promising.

Dr. Sun's home is magnificently furnished with every modern convenience. The drawing rooms are finished in white and gold with silk wall and upholstery in green silk brocade. A grand piano of American manufacture occupies a portion of the reception hall and his life-sized portrait by a French painter hangs opposite. He dresses in a Prince Albert suit of broadcloth and employs a footman and several Japanese house maids, all of whom address him in excellent English. He is at present preparing to build a big railroad scheme with English capital and states that, despite all opinions to the contrary, China's future is now most promising.

The three days' ocean trip from Shanghai to Hongkong is usually uneventful but serves as a welcome respite from the exertions of sight-seeing. Hongkong, as most people know, is situated on an island about 20 miles east of the mouth of Canton river. The island is ten miles long about three miles wide and was ceded to Great Britain about 70 years ago, following some international difficulties which arose over the persecution of English residents in Canton.

Hongkong a Great City.

At the time the British acquired the island, it was the abode of a few bands of Chinese pirates. Since then it has grown to a population of 330,000 of which a few thousand are white and the remainder Chinese. Hongkong is now the largest shipping port in the world, according to some authorities, and is a most interesting place to visit.

The European section of the city built up with massive cut stone buildings from three to eight stories in height and very modern in appearance. The streets are broad and excellently paved, a fine car system is in operation and the place presents the general aspect of any European city. A distinctive feature in architecture are the deep verandas or spacious porches which cover the entire face of the buildings. These afford protection from the sun in warm weather and prevent the rain from entering the open doors during the rainy season. In hotels the tables are placed on the verandas when possible and they are also a favorite location for a business man's private office, being more airy than the apartments within the building.

City on a Mountain.

The peak is a high mountain which rises abruptly from the principal

streets of the city to a height of 1820 feet and the lower and middle slopes toward the summit are literally covered with fine residences, hotels and cottages. Winding causeways and roads make their way up the side of this mountain in every direction and building space is now held at a high figure. It is one of the most remarkable residential districts in the world, as well as sanitary and picturesque.

Typhoon Warnings.

In a hollow on top of the mountain is the beautiful residence of the English governor of Hongkong, while at the uppermost point is located a signal station. This spot is constantly in the minds of the inhabitants of Hongkong as the arrival of ships is indicated with various flags; also the weather forecast. Storm signals of various kinds, indicating the direction of approach, etc., are displayed and there is a system of cannon shot signals for night time so that the ships and thousands of house boats may be warned in advance of a typhoon. These are frequently very destructive to life and shipping in the harbor and a few moments of warning means much to those in danger.

A wire cable tramway runs to the top of the mountain and coolies are always in waiting with their carrying chairs to convey one to The Peak where the wonderful panorama is worth coming many miles to see. It seems as if one might almost leap from the signal station and land in the heart of the city many hundred feet below. Beyond is the extensive harbor crowded with shipping of every description and in the distance are the rocky coasts, islands and bits of open water which extend to the ocean.

At night the view is also interesting from above but from below it is wild in the extreme. The hundreds of arc street lights extending across and up and down the face of the mountain gives the effect of new constellations in the sky while the innumerable house lights twinkle like so many stars in the heavens. On a moonless night when even the starlight fails to bring out the shadowy outline of the mountain, it is impossible to distinguish the stars from the artificial lights nor to tell where the "handwork of man joins that of the Creator."

Chinamen from Ogden.

The Chinese sections of Hongkong are well built and the better shopping districts are always well patronized by tourists. Tom Leo and Wong Jim, who conducted the Bon-Ton restaurant of Ogden for twenty years, are now in the jewelry business on Queen's Road and doing well. Mrs. Chin Chin, who is "Aunt Lizzie" to a number of prominent Salt Lake and Ogden people, resides with her well-to-do Chinese husband on Gough Road. She possesses a most interesting personality and is always delighted to receive a call from a resident of Utah, where she passed a great part of her life. She is now considerably past middle age and admits that life in Hongkong has palled upon her and that she longs to return to America, especially to California where she believes her health would be benefited. Her husband has retired from business and is wealthy. She inquired after many of her Utah relatives and friends and wished to be remembered to them.

Canton's Millions.

A trip to China would be far from complete without a visit to Canton, the great commercial capital of southern China situated 80 miles up the Canton river from Hongkong. Its population is estimated at over 3,000,000 and its chief attraction lies in the utter absence of modernization. While other large cities of China have become partially westernized by Europeans, Canton retains all its primitive ugliness in architecture as well as wretchedness and filth.

The streets are so narrow and crooked that carriages, horses and even rikshas are prohibited. In fact, it would be quite impossible to get to the top of the mountain, the conditions of the flagrant trails which serve the purpose of streets. There are a number of interesting places to see and many quaint industries which are well worth inspecting. These include the Temple of the 500 Genii; the prisons and police courts, several pagodas, temples and shrines; the market where edible birds' nests are sold; embroidery, ivory working, lacquer painting, establishments, curio shops and the jewelry workers who transfer kingfisher feathers to gold and enameled surfaces, producing a most unique and attractive form of jewelry.

Much Exaggerated City.

Canton is probably the most exaggerated city in the world, the average tourist, missionary and writer (excepting as well as embryo) evidently considering himself the only white person who ever entered the walls and expecting to be the last to leave its precincts. Hence the characteristic hysteria and roll along the line of the "tremendous dangers to be encountered, the threatening gestures, evil glances and innumerable pitfalls for the stranger." Surely a close observer will realize that he is attracting less attention in the crowded streets of Canton than he did in any city in Japan, the shopkeepers treat him respectfully with an entire lack of "Jewelry" and, if he can blindfold, gag and securely bind the ever assisting guide, there is a chance that he will not lose more than 50 per cent in his bargaining.

Guides Are Artful.

The Chinese guide, who cannot work himself into the absolute and unquestioning confidence of a white stranger in the course of an hour is a human mistake, a freak, something which should be immediately eliminated from the local horizon. They exist in extremely small numbers and are practically extinct. The ordinary specimen will lead you to a shop for the inspection of certain kinds of goods and stand demurely in the entrance watching the crowds and evidently impatient for you to finish the bargain and have done with your bargaining. As the haggling over prices continues you begin to wish he was more like "other guides" and get in on the transaction to some extent.

You finally get the shopkeeper down to what he terms a ruinous price and are about to close the bargain when suddenly the guide comes to life, strides up to the merchant and indignantly snatching the article from your hand tells him in vociferous "pidgin English" that he is charging you double as much as it is worth.

"You no talker plover plice. Any man Hongkong side can catchee more cheap. This no 'b'long same. My friend no savvy, you no talker true."

Stranger Worked.
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Editor.

Cocoanut Grove, Fla., April 23rd

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I am having the time of my life, regaining my health, and hope to be home ere long to help your dear old Dad carry the burden.

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P. S.—Which stands for pleasant sensations. A new line of Beautiful Ratine in silk, cotton and wool, now on display at the store where the women trade.

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This so-called "pidgin English" is a most astonishing conglomeration of distorted fragments of speech and so utterly unnecessary that one wonders how it ever became permanent as a medium of conversation. Dr. Zamenhoff would turn over in his grave (if he were dead) and exclaim that Esperanto was indeed in vain.

In their mad haste to transact business, the Chinese and English traders never stopped to learn each other's language and, as the Britisher was the most eloquent and somewhat over-awed his slant-eyed commercial opponent, the latter absorbed a few of the English words and pronounced them as best he could on short acquaintance.

Then to facilitate matters the white man adopted those pronunciations which they have never been altered since that time. It is the best English the Celestial is acquainted with, bearing no other from the English residents, and the latter with more versatility than logic use it commonly in trading.

Pidgin English.
Should you ask a mild-mannered Methodist missionary whom you chanced to meet, where might be the best place to buy a sun hat, he would probably lead you to a Chinese shop and enter into negotiations with the proprietor. Their conversation would be something like this:

Minister of the Gospel—My wan-chee number one hat all same my friend have catchee this side before mine. My friend talker my 'b'long two dollar one piece.

Slant-eyed Celestial (taking down a hat worth one dollar)—My savvy. You friend wanchee leksha go top side. He catchee hat and go top side chop chop. This vally good hat. 'B'long all same you friend have the Gospel.

Minister of the Gospel (excitedly)—Minister no 'b'long all same. This hat my friend have catchee this side 'b'long more big, so fashion. Can do?

Slant-eyed Celestial (taking down a better hat and displaying it)—This hat no can do two dollar. 'B'long three dollar. Any man can see this 'b'long number one kind. No man Hongkong side can catchee more cheap. 'S'pose some man talker so fashion, he no some man talker true. Long time my do this pidgin and no see all same cheap. Long time my savvy you. Savvy you friend all same. My talker you plover plice. Can do?

This discussion continues for some time, resulting in your friend the minister, securing the hat for you at 50 cents and assuring you that the proprietor makes a good sized profit at that.

All of which makes China what it is.

Elim Lutheran—Corner 23rd street and Jefferson avenue. Erik Floren, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. English services at 8 p. m. Special music. The Ladies Aid meets Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carl Johnson, 301 21st street.

Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)—William W. Fleetwood, rector. Holy communion at 8 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Evensong at 4:30. A. R. White, soloist.

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Corner 15th and Washington avenue. Rev. J. E. Vanderwood, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All will be made welcome at any or all of these services. Come and hear our message.

First Baptist—On Grant. Rev. H. D. Zimmerman, pastor. Bible school at 10 o'clock. 11:15, morning worship with sermon. Subject, "The Destructive Penknife." 7 o'clock, B. Y. P. U.

Topic, "Baptist Bible Work" Meeting in charge of missionary committee. 8, evening service. Mrs. E. Norine Law, author of "The Shame of a Great Nation," will speak. 8 Thursday, regular mid-week meeting. Monthly business meeting with reports. Robert Greenwell, morning soloist, and Miss Ella Pruett, evening soloist.

Christian Reformed—Holland services Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m. at 3531 Adams avenue. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening at Central Park Presbyterian church, corner 1st and Washington. Sunday evening at 6:30 20th street.

German Evangelical St. Paul's—At Twenty-third and Jefferson avenue. Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Sabbath school at 9:45. Every one welcome. On Thursday, Ascension day, there will be services at 11 o'clock. P. H. Tester, pastor.

First Congregational—Adams avenue and 25th street. Frank G. Brainard, minister. Miss Alice Gray, pianist. E. L. Howes, soloist. 11 o'clock morning sermon, "The Pathway of Life." 8 o'clock, evening sermon, "The Call of the Blood." 12:15 Sunday school. 7 p. m., Cristian Endeavor meeting.

First Presbyterian—John Edward Carver, pastor. Morning worship at 11. Theme, "The Message of the Great Reformer." Sunday school at 12:15. Young People's meeting at 7. Evening preaching at 8 o'clock. Theme, "The Nature of the Resurrection Body." Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45 o'clock. Church supper Friday.

First Methodist Episcopal—454 24th street. Rev. G. F. Rasmussen, pastor. 10 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning service addressed by Mrs. E. Norine Law of Los Angeles, one of the national speakers of the W. C. T. U. and author of the book, "The Shame of a Great Nation." This gifted speaker will talk on the important subject of social purity. 7 p. m., Epworth League. 8 p. m., evening service. Theme, "That Sporty Devil." Tuesday night, practice for "That Old Time School." Wednesday, choir practice. Wednesday at 4 p. m., Intermediate League. Thursday night, class meetings as follows: Class No. 1 at the home of Mrs. Stark, 2908 Adams avenue; class No. 2 at the church; class No. 3 at the home of Mrs. Kelley, 2463 Quincy. Friday night, 7:30, K. O. K. A.

Central Park Presbyterian—Corner Washington avenue and Thirty-first street. Rev. A. F. Wittenberger, minister. Preaching service, 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sabbath school service at 10 a. m. and Young People's meeting at 7:15 p. m.

First Church of Christ Scientist—Sunday services at 11 a. m. Subject, "Probation After Death." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock.

Central Park Presbyterian—Corner Washington avenue and Thirty-first street. Rev. A. F. Wittenberger, minister. Preaching service, 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sabbath school service at 10 a. m. and Young People's meeting at 7:15 p. m.

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